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FOLLOWING REPEAT LAGOS 6871 SENT ACTION PARIS , SECSTATE,
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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 6871

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS DEFENSE OF ZAIRE

REF: (A) LAGOS 6852, (B) LONDON 08764

1. REFTEL B, WHICH WE ARE REPEATING TO PARIS, INCLUDES IN
ITS REPORT OF GARBA'S PRESS CONFERENCE OF MAY 30 IN LONDON
THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: QUOTE ONLY THE "TIMES" REPORTS A
COMMENT BY GARBA SAYING NIGERIA WOULD OFFER TROOPS TO
DEFEND ZAIRE, BUT AGAIN, THE CONTRIBUTION WOULD HAVE TO BE
UNDER OAU AUSPICES. UNQUOTE

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2. THIS COMMENT OF GARBA'S, TOGETHER WITH THE
CONTENTS OF REFTEL A, SHOWS EVEN MORE CLEARLY WHAT A VAST
DIFFERENCE THE OAU AUSPICES WOULD MAKE IN THE NIGERIAN ATTITUDE
TOWARDS AN INTER-AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE FOR THE DEFENSE OF ZAIRE.
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